GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:279
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2017
Administrative Costs for Land Acquisition
Raju Shri Gokaraju Ganga

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that levying of administrative charges by the States for acquiring land for building or widening National Highways has become a major cause of concern for the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) ever since the new rates for compensation have come into effect and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Public Investments Board (PIB) had recommended that States may be requested not to levy any administrative costs for land acquisition or charge actual expenditure or not exceeding 2.5 per cent of compensation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantum of compensation released by NHAI during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 279 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017 ASKED BY DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR LAND ACQUISITION

(a) Yes, Madam. 12 States levy a percentage of compensation as administrative charges for acquisition of land for the National Highways. Haryana, however, has prescribed a fixed charge of Rs. 1.00 Lakh per acre for the purpose. Introduction of provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013, for determination of compensation for land has resulted in 3 to 4 times increase in expenditure on compensation. Since, these 12 States levy a percentage of compensation as administrative charges for acquiring land, this increase in expenditure on compensation has also resulted in increase in expenditure on administrative charges levied by State Governments for acquiring land.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The details of States levying administrative charges as a percentage of the compensation amount are given in Annexure-I. The matter has been taken up by the NHAI and the MoRTH with these States requesting for rationalization of these administrative charges. While appraising the proposal of Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I, the PIB has also recommended that "State Governments will be requested not to levy any such administrative costs for land acquisition or charge the actual expenditure incurred in the process or, in the alternative, an amount not exceeding 2.5% of the compensation amount. Similarly, State Governments will be requested that supervision charges for utility shifting should also be capped at 2.5% of the approved estimates".

(d) State wise compensation deposited by NHAI with Competent Authority for Land Acquisition for the last three years is enclosed as Annexure-II.